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FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

PLANS OF CARRERE &amp; HASTINGS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE.

TERMS OF THE CONTRACT WITH THE CITY—TO BE

BUILT IN BRYANT PARK AT AN ESTI-

MATED COST OF \$2,500,000.

By unanimous vote the Board of Estimate and

Apportionment yesterday adopted the plans of

Carrere &amp; Hastings for the New York Public

Library building, which is to be erected on the

site of the old reservoir, at Fifth-ave. and Forty-

second-st., at a cost of about \$2,500,000. The

plans of the building were shown to the Board

and explained in detail, but the immediate pub-

lication of them was withheld. The Board ad-

journed its consideration of the budget for 1898

to consider the plans and listen to statements

by the Executive Committee of the library.

John L. Cadwalader, George L. Rives, Dr.

Billings, the director of the library, and other

members of the committee were present, with

Messrs. Carrere &amp; Hastings. Mr. Cadwalader

presented to the Board the resolutions, which

were passed. These resolutions, after reciting

the act authorizing the removal and the erection

of the library building in Bryant Park, de-

clared that the Board of Estimate accepted the

plans prepared by Carrere &amp; Hastings, author-

ized and requested the Department of Public

Parks to remove the reservoir in the park and

to erect and equip the building for the library.

Parts of the resolutions were the following:

Third—That the Department of Public Parks be

authorized and requested to erect the said plans for

the new library building, as architects, to prepare

the detailed drawings, plans, and specifications

of said building, and to superintend the erection

of said building, and to execute the contract to be

prepared by the Board of Estimate, which contract

shall contain a provision fixing the compensation

to be paid to the said architects, and to the

same as declared by the American Institute of Ar-

chitects.

Fourth—That the contract presented by the said

New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and

Tilden foundations, a copy of which is hereto

annexed, and the said contract, and the same

be executed on behalf of the city and de-

livered as soon as the same is executed by or

on behalf of the said New York Public Library,

Astor, Lenox and Tilden foundations.

COURSE TO BE PURSUED.

Mr. Cadwalader, in introducing the resolu-

tions and the plans, said that the bill providing

for the new library made it necessary that the

Board of Estimate and Apportionment ap-

prove the plans as shown, which should then be

submitted to the Department of Parks, to be

accepted by that Board. After that the Board

of Estimate and Apportionment should again

make a contract with the trustees of the Public

Library. He continued: "We have plans for a

library which we can say is better for

useful purposes than any library in the

world. Dr. Billings has sent to Europe to look

over the libraries there. Our plans have been

passed upon by ninety-one architects, all of

whom are competent men, and we can say that

the preliminary plans we sent out have been

reduced to the best for a working library in

the world."

Mr. Cadwalader said that it had taken two

years to do this. The plans had been sub-

mitted to two competitions. The first competi-

tion had been open to every man having an

office in New York. There had been eighty-five

plans in that competition. Six had been se-

lected and these submitted to a committee of

six of the best architects in the city. A committee

of three, appointed by these architects and

three members of the Board, had passed unani-

mously upon the plans submitted by Carrere

&amp; Hastings.

Mr. Cadwalader went on to tell what the pro-

posed conditions of the agreement between the

city and the library would be. The agreement,

he said, had been based generally upon that of

the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Mu-

seum of Natural History. While they had not

come empty-handed, but with an immense

stock of 450,000 books, still the trustees had

considered it best at the outset to grant every-

thing that the public would be likely to de-

mand in the future. One of the conditions

would be that the library be open every day

in the year, every evening, and from 1 in the

afternoon until 9 in the evening on Sundays.

OF VIENNA LIMESTONE.

The building could be put up, he said, for

\$2,500,000, of Vienna limestone or marble. The

plans submitted show a building with a broad

plaza fronting in Fifth-ave. The general dimen-

sions of the building are 250 by 350 feet.

The contract for the occupation of the build-

ing of the New York Public Library, Astor,

Lenox and Tilden foundations, is a document

of great length, and begins with a recital of

the law authorizing the erection of the building

in a public park. By the terms of the contract

the Board of Estimate and Apportionment,

acting for the city, gives a permanent lease of

the building to be erected to the library. Parts

of the contract are as follows:

Fourth—That the said library shall be accessible at all

reasonable hours and times for general use, free

of expense to persons resorting thereto, subject

only to such control and regulation as the city

may see fit to exercise, and that the library shall

be open to the public on every day of the week

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